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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/5/2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue "the number '400' in Figure 7, which corresponds to the highest portion of the plot, refers to the height of the CI Peak, which is a corrosion-resistant index, as labeled on the axis on the right side of Figure 7. The left side of Figure 7 refers to the thickness, and, accordingly, Figure 7 does not show a chromium film with a thickness larger than 210 Å (21 nm). Thus, the position maintained by the Official Action was based on a factual error."

The Examiner acknowledges this fact. However, Ohmi discloses the chromium oxide film having a thickness of 20Å (2nm) or more (col. 7, lines 10-17), which includes 30 nm or more. Additionally, Figure 4 shows the thickness of the chromium oxide film formed being as large as 400 Å (40 nm), which includes at least 30 nm, as required by the claimed invention. Thus, Ohmi discloses the thickness of the chromium oxide film being at least 30 nm, as required by the claimed invention.

For the reasons given above, the 103 rejection stands.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CATHERINE A. SIMONE whose telephone number is (571)272-1501. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00 pm.

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